

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
October 22, 2009**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 22, 2009 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brenda L. Hale, R.N., Chairperson  
Evelyn Lindsay, L.P.N.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** La Rhonda Carter, Adjudication Specialist  
Two students from Bon Secours School of Nursing (observing)

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:** **Deborah Smith Guill, R.N. 0001-159136**  
Ms. Guill appeared, accompanied by her mother, Ms. Jenkins.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Guill. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:05 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to take no action as this time, contingent upon the Board of Nursing's receipt of the addictionologist's report and Ms. Guill remaining compliant with the therapist's recommendations.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Guill unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Guill within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Richard Thomas, L.P.N. 0002-047930**

Mr. Thomas did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Thomas. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:35 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Richard Thomas a consent order for indefinite suspension of his right to renew his practical nursing license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Mr. Thomas and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Abigail Lebron-Cannon, L.P.N.; R.N. Applicant**

Ms. Lebron-Cannon appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:20 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lebron-Cannon. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:45 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order to approve Abigail Lebron-Cannon's application to take the NCLEX-RN examination and issue an unrestricted license contingent upon successful completion of the exam and Ms. Lebron-Cannon remaining in compliance with the terms of the monitoring contract with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Lebron-Cannon unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Lebron-Cannon within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:** **Rita J. Woodard, R.N. 0001-162405**  
Ms. Woodard appeared, accompanied by her husband, Lamont Woodard.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Woodard. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:48 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Lindsay moved to close the case in the matter of Rita Woodard and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:** **Shirley Wiles, L.P.N. 0002-062933**  
Ms. Wiles did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wiles. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed

meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:10 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Shirley Wiles a consent order for indefinite suspension of her right to renew her practical nursing license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Wiles and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Donna M. Barnes, L.P.N. 0002-053961**

Ms. Barnes appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barnes. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:40 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order releasing Donna Barnes from current probation terms and to issue an unrestricted practical nursing license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Barnes unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barnes within such time. If service of the order is made by

mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Kristine Diggs, R.N. 0001-199244**

Ms. Diggs appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:47 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Diggs. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:00 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an Order to continue Kristine Diggs on indefinite probation for not less than three years of employment as a registered nurse from the date the order is entered.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Diggs unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Diggs within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Lawanda Webb, L.P.N. 0002-071008**

Ms. Webb did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Webb. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:16 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order of reprimand to Lawanda Webb and further order Ms. Webb to complete National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses “Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care” and “Ethics in Nursing Practice” within 45 days of entry of the order.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Webb unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Webb within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:**

**Martha P. Robertson, R.N. 0001-102634**  
Ms. Robertson did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:20 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Robertson. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:27 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Martha Robertson a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Robertson and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Cynthia Brooks, L.P.N. 0002-066892**

Ms. Brooks did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brooks. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:40 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Cynthia Brooks a consent order for indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Brooks and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.  
Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
INFORMAL CONFERENCES  
October 22, 2009**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The informal conferences held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing were convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 22, 2009 in Hearing Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia.

**AGENCY  
SUBORDINATE:** Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., Discipline Staff  
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:** **Larrisha Cary, C.N.A. 1401-127949**  
Ms. Cary appeared, accompanied by her mother, Ms. Cary.

Ms. Cary was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Cary unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cary within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:** **Yolanda Reavis, C.N.A. 1401-107575**  
Ms. Reavis appeared.

Ms. Reavis was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Reavis unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Reavis within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCES  
CONTINUED:** **Connie Ferguson, C.N.A. 1401-053498**  
Ms. Ferguson did not appear.



Based upon information provided by Ms. Joseph, Ms. Durrett ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Ferguson

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Ferguson within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Brandi Pultz, R.M.A. Applicant**

Ms. Pultz appeared, accompanied by her grandmother, Ms. Abshure.

Ms. Pultz was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Pultz unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Pultz within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Saprina Washington, C.N.A. 1401-117259**

Ms. Washington did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Joseph, Ms. Durrett ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Washington.

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Washington within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Christal Yankey, C.N.A. Applicant**

Ms. Yankey appeared, accompanied by B. Shirkey.

Ms. Yankey was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Yankey unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Yankey within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Patience Yeboah, C.N.A. 1401-122168**

Ms. Yeboah appeared.

Ms. Yeboah was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Yeboah unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Yeboah within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Ophelia Tarpeh, C.N.A. 1401-109144**

Ms. Tarpeh appeared, accompanied by attorney, Emmanuel Akpon; and her sister, Fredericka Tarpeh.

Ms. Tarpeh was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Tarpeh unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tarpeh within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Erika Burnett, C.N.A. 1401-115886**

Ms. Burnett appeared, accompanied by her father, Mr. Burnett.

Ms. Burnett was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Burnett unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Burnett within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Tyquinia Bell, C.N.A. 1401-127517**

Ms. Bell appeared, accompanied by her grandmother, Roberta Mason; uncle, Guy Mason; and cousin, Tami Clark.

Ms. Bell was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Bell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bell within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conferences were concluded at 3:30 P.M.

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Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.  
Discipline Staff